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GOING \$GREEN WITH HARFORD COUNTY MANUFACTURING

(Bel Air, MD - September 26, 2008) - - The Harford County Office of Economic Development, in cooperation with Harford Community College and the Regional Manufacturing Institute are sponsoring a special seminar for the business community titled, "Going \$Green with Harford County Manufacturing". The forum will be held Thursday, October 2, 2008 from 8:15 a.m. - noon at the

Harford Community College. Cost for the seminar is \$35.00.

Harford County Executive David R. Craig will be a featured speaker and will announce the county's new energy policy initiatives. Additionally, Mike Galiazzo, Executive Director of the Regional Manufacturing Institute of Maryland will report on manufacturing "Going Green" and how companies benefit.

Ed Snodgrass, a nationally known "Green Roofs" expert and author will discuss the green roof movement and how sustainability works for manufacturing.

Tom Gallagher, plant manager of GM Powertrain, will discuss zero free landfills, solar panels on the GM facility roof to reduce energy at the plant, as well as hybrid, electric and fuel cell cars.

Mike Rothmeier, Lean Facilitator with CCBC Technology and Innovation in Manufacturing and Engineering Center, will discuss "Lean for Green" and how companies can benefit by building on lean manufacturing practices.

The Harford County Office of Economic Development will provide information regarding Solar/Geo Thermal tax credits; green project fast track permitting in the county and proposed Wind Turbine Permitting ordinance legislation.

In addition, the forum will include a panel of representatives from successful Harford County Green projects. The panel will include Laura Lamb, Plant Technical Manager and Fred Brown, Environmental Coordinator from Frito Lay, Dana Petran, Vice President of Engineering, for iDim, Dawson Killhoffer, Order Processing Supervisor for Custom Direct, Gregory D. Stanton, Coordinator, U. S. Military Director, Operations and Engineering Services for Smiths Detection and Deborah Wrobel, Dean for STEM at Harford Community

College.

"This is an excellent opportunity for our business community to get the most up-to-date information on "Green Technology" to enhance their businesses," stated County Executive Craig. "We have put together first rate presenters for our seminar and they look forward to sharing valuable information with our business partners," Craig stated.

For further information on "Going \$Green with Harford County Manufacturing", contact the Office of Economic Development at 410-638-3059.